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SUBJECT: BRIEFING ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE

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CHARGE BRIEFED FOREIGN MINISTRY POLITICAL CHEF SADEK SULAIMAN
JULY 9 ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE EFFORTS,
AS OUTLINED REFTEL. SULAIMAN'S ONLY NOTEWORTHY COMMENT
CAME AFTER CHARGE MENTIONED INTERNAL DEBATE IN ISRAEL AS
BEING IMPORTANT TO ONGOING PEACE EFFORTS. SULAIMAN
REITERATED VIEW HE HAS EXPRESSED BEFORE (SEE MUSCAT 0663)

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NOTAL) THAT THIS PROCESS OFFERED VERY LITTLE HOPE. IN HIS
OPINION, BULK OF ISRAELI PUBLIC AND LEADERSHIP THINK THEY
CAN HOLD ON TO OCCUPIED LANDS AND WANT TO DO SO.
THEY ARE THUS LOSING HISTORIC CHANCE TO GET SECURE PEACE
WITHIN RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES, WHICH IS PRESUMABLY THEIR
AND EVERYBODY'S MOST CHERISHED GOAL. IF ONLY THEY WOULD
REALIZE, HE REMARKED, THE ENORMOUS BENEFIT THAT WOULD

ACCRUE TO ISRAEL OVER THE LONG RUN FROM HAVING A
RECOGNIZED PLACE WITHIN THE NEAR EAST. THE PRESENT
GENERATION OF ARAB LEADERS IS WILLING TO GIVE THEM THIS.
THE NEXT GENERATION MIGHT NOT BE SO ACCOMMODATING.

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